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REMARKS _____

- SOURCE 25X1X
- On 12 September 1951, no Soviet troop movements were seen west of the intersection of the Gardelegen-Letzlingen secondary railroad line and the Gardelegen-Stendal trunk line. The former parachute depot was completely destroyed. The former parachutist training camp northwest of Kloster Neuendorf, north of the Gardelegen-Jaevenitz road, was occupied to capacity. The billeting area, which apparently extended northward for 1 or 2 km, was surrounded by a high board fence which blocked the view into the camp. Its northern section apparently contained target ranges because machine gun and rifle fire was heard from there. Sentries observed at the camp wore red-bordered black epaulets without branch-of-service insignia. A spur track led from the secondary railroad line to the camp across the Gardelegen-Jaevenitz road.
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 - The barracks installation south of Staats was vacant on 12 September, but it was guarded by soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia. An officer with tank insignia left the installation toward the Uchtspringe railroad station. Numerous German workers were working in the interior of the barracks buildings. One of them stated that the installation was to be ready for occupation on 1 October. Trucks 25X1C were seen hauling bricks to the billeting area. (2) 25X1C
 - A Soviet unit was seen resting in a patch of woods about 3 km north of Schwarzer Berg and 5 km west of Staats. Material observed on the edge of the woods included about 100 motor vehicles and 18 x 76.2-mm guns, probably model ZIC-3. One of the motor vehicles, a six-wheel armored personnel carrier, 25X1C. (3) 25X1C
 - The Jaevenitz-Letzlingen road was blocked by a barrier south of the railroad overpass. The road running from there southeast was also blocked at the forestry office. Three unnumbered, six-wheel armored personnel carriers were parked at the road barrier. Vehicles seen driving through Doebbelin were 25X1C
 - Trucks seen moving toward Gardelegen on the Haldensleben-Gardelegen road on 23 September were 25X1C

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Comments.

- 25X1C (1) [REDACTED] also supplied information on this camp, which is said to be a former parachutist training camp, at the end of August 1951. [REDACTED]
- 25X1A [REDACTED]. The vehicles mentioned in the present report belong to the 207th Mtz Rifle Div and, probably, to the LXXIX Mtz Rifle Corps. 25X1C
- (2) In mid-August 1951, [REDACTED] that the barracks installation south of Staats was to be ready for occupation by the beginning of September 1951. [REDACTED]. The trucks mentioned in the [REDACTED] belong to the 207th Mtz Rifle Div and to a headquarters unit of the Third Shock Army.
- (3) Probably a unit engaged in road march.
- (4) Doebbelin lies on the main route of communication between Stendal and Letzling Heath. Most of the vehicles observed there belong to the 207th Mtz Rifle Div and the LXXIX Mtz Rifle Corps, but some have numbers of unidentified supplementary series. The vehicles observed on the Haldensleben-Gardelegen road belong to the 7th Gds Tank Div, the 9th Mecz Div, the 19th Gds Mecz Div and, probably, to the GDFG.

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